

WASHINGTON. D.C. – House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Ranking Member Darrell Issa (R-Calif.) and Senate Finance Committee Ranking Member Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) today released an updated supplement to a [report](#) released last November investigating the firing of Gerald Walpin, the Inspector General (IG) for the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). Walpin's investigation found [significant wrongdoing and allegations of sexual misconduct](#) by President Obama's good friend and Sacramento Mayor, Kevin Johnson.

"Rather than diminishing the appearance that politics played a role in the removal of Gerald Walpin, these new documents reinforce that appearance," the updated report says. "The new documents make the President's initial explanation that he merely 'lost confidence' in the Inspector General seems even less credible."

Specifically, new documents obtained by Issa-Grassley demonstrate that:

1. Lawrence Brown was actively seeking a Presidential appointment as the U.S. Attorney at the same time he was negotiating a lenient settlement agreement with Kevin Johnson, excluding the Inspector General from the negotiations, and filing a complaint against Walpin with the Integrity Committee; and

2. Lawrence Brown and Matthew Jacobs, Kevin Johnson's attorney, frequently exchanged informal emails about Walpin, which do not suggest an appropriately arm's length negotiating relationship.

3. An internal memo that reveals that the White House considered issues in deciding to remove Walpin that it did not disclose in the official notice to Congress.

"Throughout our investigation of Mr. Walpin's removal, the White House has repeatedly communicated that the President was not motivated by inappropriate political reasons," Issa said. "The fact is Gerald Walpin led an aggressive investigation of a political ally of President Obama that successfully recovered taxpayer dollars. While firing an investigator who uncovered the abuse of funds by a political ally might be considered an act of 'political courage' in Chicago politics, for most Americans it raises troubling questions."

The [62 page report](#) released last year by Issa and Grassley detailed how prominent allies of

the President were able to effectuate Walpin's removal absent a thorough White House review. The report further described how the White House Counsel's Office withheld information from Congress and misled investigators after Rep. Issa and Sen. Grassley questioned the President's methods and motives for removing Walpin. This controversy has also raised questions surrounding the role of former Michelle Obama Chief of Staff and current CNCS Senior Advisor Jackie Norris and her [previously undisclosed meeting](#) then CNCS Board Chairman Alan Solomont, now the President's Ambassador to Spain.

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